

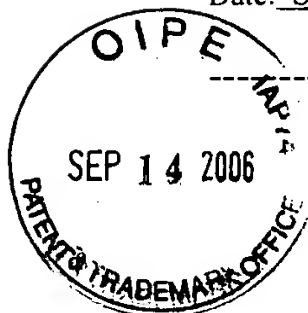
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PATENT

Applicant: Randall W. Nelson et al.

Docket No.: 41821.0217

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 10, 2006, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to September 11, 2006 (in that September 10, 2006 falls on a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.